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How the macroeconomic  
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All

Date	% Change			(In millions US\$)						Exchange Rate	
	CPI	M1	Interest Rate(%)	Imports	Exports	Trade Bal.	Current Acct. Bal.	Reserves	Off./Paral.		
1981	28.7	32.8	46.0	23,929	19,419	-4,510	-12,544	1,012	26.23		
1982	98.8	61.9	62.3	14,421	21,006	-6,584	-4,878	-3,185	148.50		
1983	81.0	35.0		7,720	21,398	13,678	5,500	5,300	143.9		162.0
1984	60.0	49.0	70.0	10,000	23,000	13,000	4,000	8,000	192.5		210.5
Jan.	6.4	0.3	88.2	580	2,121	1,540	818	4,933	148.0		165.4
Feb.	5.3	3.0	83.4	780	1,926	1,148		4,827	151.7		169.2
Mar.	5.1	5.5	79.7	749	2,055	1,306		5,024	155.8		173.2
Apr.	4.3	6.4	75.5	708	1,917	1,208	391	5,255	159.7		177.1
May	3.3	0.2	71.1	805	1,875	1,070	348	5,450	163.7		181.1
June	3.6	0.1	70.3	839	1,822	983	72	5,619	167.6		185.0
July	3.3	-1.9	73.5	967	1,890	922	99	5,748	171.6		189.0
Aug.	2.8	-5.2	73.2	942	1,761	819	63	6,065	175.6		193.1
Sept.	3.0	3.9	71.2	953	1,855	901	168	6,145	179.5		197.0
Oct.	3.5	3.5	69.8	1,087	2,027	940	222	6,427	183.6		201.0
Nov.	3.4	-0.8	65.8	994	1,913	919	-61	7,200	187.5		205.7
Dec.	4.5	-0.9	65.8	1,140	1,862	722		8,000	192.5		210.5
1985	60.0	40.0	71.0	15,000	21,000	6,000	-3,000	5,000	350.0		400.0
Jan.	7.4	-2.0	65.0	1,145	1,793	674	43	8,000	195.3		212.7
Feb.	4.2	2.5	65.0	1,033	1,838	825	247	6,895	202.5		219.2
Mar.	3.9	-4.2	68.0	1,117	2,059	941	619	6,500	208.8		225.6
Apr.	3.1	-6.0	70.0	1,116	1,925	809		6,500	215.3		231.8
May	2.4	1.0	70.0	1,227	1,774	547		6,500	218.5		235.9
June	2.5	3.1	71.0	1,067	1,260	177			224.9		242.4
July	3.5	0.9	72.0	1,176	1,763	587			241.8		311.4
Aug.	4.4	0.1							280.9		347.5

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